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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA II

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 137 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/820.

2. At its 48th and 49th meetings, on 1 and 4 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.48 and 49).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/48/L.40

3. At the 49th meeting, on 4 March, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II" (A/C.5/48/L.40).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.40 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

The General Assembly

(a) Recalls its decision 48/471 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

(b) Decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 to 31 March 1994 up to the amount of 75,717,300 United States dollars gross (75,000,000 dollars net) which is equivalent to the one-month pro rata share of the commitment authority provided in its decision 48/471;

(c) Agrees to take a decision on the question of assessment for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II in case a decision on the financing of the Operation has not been made by 15 March 1994, subject to the availability of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) Expresses deep concern at the current level of arrears of contributions, and urges those Member States with arrears to pay their assessed contributions promptly and in full.